

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request examination of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 10-13 are requested to be cancelled.

Claims 14-24 are being added.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

Restriction Requirement

On Page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner restricted the claims to the following groups:

- I. Claims 1-9, drawn to an organic electroluminescent device, classified in class 428, subclass 690.
- II. Claims 10-13, drawn to a 2,5-diaminoterephthalic acid derivative, classified in various subclasses of class 546 and 548 dependent on the specifics of the R variables.

Applicants thank the examiner for noting that each group of restricted claims is directed to an independent and distinct invention from the other claimed invention (i.e., nonobvious). Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of group I with traverse.

Provisional Election of Species

On page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner required a provisional election of species for the purposes of prosecution. For the provisional election of species, Applicants provisionally elect the species wherein A is a benzene ring, R^{10} is $-C(=X^1)-X^2R^1$, and R^{11} is $-C(=X^3)-X^4R^5$, where X^1-X^4 are oxygen. The provisionally elected species corresponds to claims 1, 2, 4-9, and 14-24.

On page 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner required election of an ultimate species (i.e., a device comprising a specific compound). Applicants provisionally elect as the ultimate species an organic electroluminescent device which includes the compound recited in claim 24 (i.e., wherein $X^1 - X^4$ are oxygen; R^1 and R^5 are methyl; R^2 and R^6 are hydrogen; R^3 and R^7 are cyclohexyl; and R^4 and R^8 are hydrogen).

Objection to the Declaration

On page 6 of the Office Action, the Examiner stated that the declaration is defective. Applicants respectfully traverse the objection. The present application in a continuation of PCT/DE02/03110 as originally filed. The specification of the present application is identical to that of International Application PCT/DE02/03110 and its U.S. National Stage Application (U.S. App. No. 10/487,138) with the exception of the cross reference to related applications in the first paragraph. All of the claims of the present application are fully supported by the specification of PCT/DE02/03110. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that no new declaration is required for the present application beyond the declaration executed by the inventors with respect to parent application PCT/DE02/03110.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

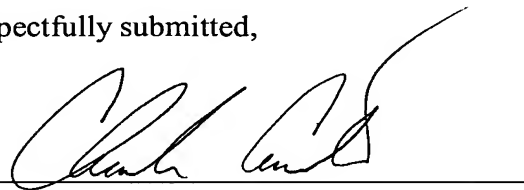
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

Respectfully submitted,

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